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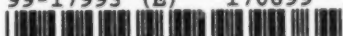
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LETTER DATED 17 JUNE 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 16 June 1999 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Mr. Tariq Aziz, concerning the persistence of the United States Administration in interfering in Iraq's internal affairs in order to undermine the stability and security of the country by sending agents from its intelligence services who use the United Nations agencies working in Iraq as a cover for their activities as spies. The letter requests that you intervene to bring a halt to this practice in the interests of safeguarding the reputation of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Letter dated 16 June 1999 from the Deputy Prime Minister
and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the United States Administration is persisting in its unlawful and immoral interference in Iraq's internal affairs with a view to undermining the stability and security of the country by sending agents of its intelligence services who use the United Nations agencies working in Iraq as a cover for their activities as spies. At other times, it sends agents through northern Iraq to infiltrate the country in order to carry out acts of espionage and sabotage. By means of this letter, I should like formally to bring to your attention the case of a man called Stafford Clary, an American citizen who was employed as a coordinator at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Iraq during the period from 18 August 1991 to 1992 and who then worked as a coordinator for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) at the Office of the Coordinator of the Iraq Programme. Since the person in question was involved in activities that did not correspond to his actual duties as an international civil servant, we asked the Office of the Coordinator of the Iraq Programme in Baghdad, in our memorandum No. 10/MT/92426 dated 30 December 1998, to withdraw him from Iraq.

We have received confirmation that the person in question illegally re-entered Iraq on 1 May 1999, departing on 5 June 1999. He held a series of intensive meetings with representatives of several United Nations agencies working in northern Iraq, particularly the HABITAT organization.

The persistence of the United States Administration in blatantly interfering in Iraq's internal affairs and its use of the United Nations agencies as a cover for this interference is a flagrant violation of the spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations and of the norms and precepts of international law. It constitutes an attempt to destroy the reputation of the United Nations as an international organization together with the good name of its personnel.

I therefore request that you intervene to ensure that the representatives and personnel of United Nations agencies and bodies do not cooperate with these spies and informers, in the interests of safeguarding the reputation of the United Nations and its personnel. I further request that you ask the United States Administration to bring a halt to these unlawful practices and to its sending of spies to engage in espionage and interfere in Iraq's internal affairs under the cover of the United Nations.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister
and Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs
